

THE YEAR OF THE DOG

RIVERS RETURNS SATURDAY; MEETS KABAKOFF MONDAY

California Lightweight in Ten-Round Draw With Kid Henry at Hot Springs--Jude and Green in Semiwindup.

Ray Rivers, the California lightweight, will return to Memphis Saturday for his eight-round bout Monday night at the Southern A. C. with Abe Kabakoff, of this city. Rivers at present is in Hot Springs, where he and Kid Henry, of Newark, pooled off a rattling good 10-round draw in the New Year's feature.

Reports from the Spa state that the Rivers-Henry go was the best of the season--full of life and action all the way.

Rivers has wired that his condition is satisfactory and that no damage was sustained in the battle with Henry, who adds that he expects to knock off Kabakoff's block before the eight rounds are completed.

Kabby in Shape.

Kabakoff has been working daily in Memphis and is in the shape for the start with Rivers. He claims to be in better shape than he was against Henry, and yet that night he took everything that Red could deliver and never stopped coming.

Pans had believed that no one could stand up under a full-fledged Herring punch, but Kabakoff walked into it without batting an eye and merely laughed. More than that he allowed Red to sink his fight hand wrist deep into the pit of his stomach and refused to fall.

When this pair of sturdy performers swung into action Monday the fur and tuss would be ankle deep. No one has yet picked the favorite.

Kid Green and Charlie Jude, negro heavyweights, meet in the semiwindup. This will be Jude's first start since he faced Battling Gabe. Jude is from Marks, Miss., and is one of the most perfect specimens of physical development in the South. Green is a stablemate of Gabe.

BIRMINGHAM CREW BEATS SALEM TEAM

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 2.—Pulling a stroke of 42 to the minute, a crew from the United States cruiser Birmingham yesterday easily defeated the crew from the scout cruiser Salem in a race of 11-12 miles for 12-oared cutters on San Diego bay. It is reported that the 26th annual sailing regatta had more than \$14,000 changed hands on the event.

The time was announced as 11 minutes and 45 seconds.

BOBBIE McLEAN SHOWS 'EM HOW

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Bobbie McLean, who leaves soon to meet Oscar Mathison in Norway, yesterday won the skating championship of the 26th annual Skating Club of Chicago. He won by a margin of 10 seconds over the runner-up, William Steiner, of the Norwegian-American A. A. In three minutes and 15 seconds.

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KANSAS CITY, Jan. 2.—Hugh Walker, of Kansas City, outboxed Mel Stevenson of Pittsburgh in 10 rounds to night, in the opinion of a majority of newspaper men.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 2.—Benny McEvoy, of St. Louis, was awarded the decision over Joe McMullen of Omaha after eight fast rounds of boxing at Camp Pike yesterday afternoon. The men are featherweights.

DETROIT, Jan. 2.—Harvey Thorpe of Kansas City easily outpointed Mel Stevenson of Pittsburgh in 10 rounds to night, in the opinion of a majority of newspaper men.

HOT SPRINGS, Jan. 2.—In the fastest bout seen here in many seasons Ray Rivers of Los Angeles, and Kid Henry of Newark, N. J., went 12 rounds to a draw before the local club last night. The men are lightweights.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—Jeff Smith of Bayonne, N. J., stopped Art Magri of Oklahoma City in the third round here yesterday. Magri was outboxed by Smith, who was forced to throw the sponge in the ring to save him from being severely beaten. George Johnson of Baltimore had no trouble in defeating Frankie Brown of New York. Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, won by a close margin from Al Shubert of New York. The title-holder was forced to extend himself in order to register a victory.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 2.—Frankie Martin, recognized American flyweight champion, defeated Segun Marino of New York in a 10-round, no-decision boxing contest yesterday, according to sportswriters. Marino was held for the last four rounds by a knockout. He weighed 112 pounds. Martin scaled at 109.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 2.—Bob Martin, A. C. E. C. heavyweight champion, knocked out Jack McFarland here today in the fifth round of a scheduled 10-round bout. Martin had the better of his opponent all the way, landing telling blows practically at will. McFarland was saved by the bell in the fifth round.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 2.—Bob McCormick, champion of England, knocked out Frank Farmer, light heavyweight champion of the Pacific coast, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10-round bout yesterday.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 2.—Jack Britton, welterweight champion, was awarded the newspaper decision in a fight with Johnny Gill of Steubenville at that place yesterday.

Giants To Return To Texas Camp In 1920 Season

After one year in Florida the Giants' squad will return to Texas for training next spring. However, instead of returning to the little resort of Marlin, where the Giants have permanent headquarters, the club will have its training camp at San Antonio, the metropolis of the Lone Star state.

Though the Giants encountered good weather at Gainesville, Fla., last spring the ball field was far from being what it might have been. The club, which has been in the field used by the University of Florida at Gainesville, but the field had a poor sloping outfield. It was especially hard on the feet of the outfielders. Kauff suffering especially.

The college authorities at Gainesville promised to have the outfield in better shape if the Giants decided to return there, but McGraw decided he liked Texas best.

The club will train there on the splendid ball field of the San Antonio Spurs.

It will be the first time the Giants have trained in a real city in thirteen years. The club trained 11 years in Marlin, a hamlet with about 1,000 population, while Gainesville was not much larger.

CHICAGO "V" FIVE GENERAL STIFF OPPONENTS

Memphis Basketeers to Have Toughest Assignment of Season on Their Hands Saturday Night.

The toughest assignment on the 1919-20 schedule of the Memphis Y. M. C. A. basketball team is scheduled for Saturday night when the Chicago "V" five college basketeers will invade the Bluff City for a one-night stand. The Chicagoans are touring Dixie, meeting all comers and teams that have met them previously. They are one of the best of the best of the local Y. M. C. A. team plans to use every available man in an effort to keep a fresh team on the floor throughout the game. The Memphis team consists of about 12 or 13 topnotch players, and when any member of the outfit is injured or winded, a fresh substitute will be rushed in to the breach. In this way Coach Taylor believes that the Memphis team will have an excellent chance to come away with the coveted scalp of the east-traveling team.

The Y regulars will start the game, with the sub going in as the occasion demands. The local lads have been hard at work trying out all kinds of new stunts by way of preparing for the invaders, and the whistle blows Saturday night.

Sullivan to Referee.

Excellent officiating is assured for the Y. M. C. A. officials have secured the services of R. L. Sullivan, football coach of the Memphis team, to referee the Saturday night clash. Sullivan is a full qualified in every way to handle the game, and basket fans are assured some topnotch officiating Saturday night, with both teams getting fair treatment.

Sullivan is a stickler for sticking to the rules, and all violators will be called. Tickets are on sale at the Y. M. C. A. front counter and are going fast.

May Set Precedent.

Southern league clubs, as a rule carry only one left-hander, but the Chicago White Sox will probably establish a precedent next season and have two portables on the roster—Blodgett and Canavan. The club officials can't see their way clear to the professional diamond, but they will report early and join the tribe on their trip to Dawson Springs, Ky., where he will pitch the opener against the Little Rock team.

WALTER JOHNSON IN THE LEAD

Heads Pitchers of American League in Official Figures.

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TY COBB HAD IT ALL FIGURED

On the last trip of the Detroit Tigers to Philadelphia in 1918, Pep Young, the regular second baseman, was out of the game with injuries, and Jennings selected Cobb to sub for him at the middle station.

It was about three of the first four chances he had and at the end of the fifth inning as Ty came to the bench, Jennings asked him if he would like to be relieved and go back to his old position in center.

"Don't shift me now," spoke the Georgian. "If you do my fielding average for the season at second base will be like Dave Davenport's batting average. Leave me out there and I'll have a few more chances and my fielding average for the day will climb a little."

Ty finished the game at second base and true enough he had a few more chances and handled them cleanly.

Next day as the Tigers were practicing preliminary to the game a good-natured fan asked Ty if he was going to convert himself into a regular second baseman.

Ty laughed at the query, but made no reply.

The fan's curiosity was satisfied when the Tigers took up their fielding positions with Ty back in center, after having satisfied himself that as a second baseman he was a very good centerfielder.

PAT DUNCAN FALLS VICTIM OF CUPID.

Pat Duncan, ex-Birmingham outfielder, who was plucked from the Southern by the Cincinnati Reds, and who had a big part in helping the Redlegs win the National League pennant and beat the Chicago White Sox in the world's series, is planning to enter the most fascinating game of them all.

Pat is going to wed Miss Eloise Ferguson, a fair daughter of Jackson, O., within a short time.

Here's hoping that Pat may bat 1,000 in the matrimonial league.

TO SUPPRESS GAMBLING.

The gambling evil in the Southern league is going to be throttled during the approaching campaign if the efforts of the league officials are successful. The president count for anything.

At the recent meeting of the Southern league, the league was unanimously agreed that it was for the welfare of the league to stamp out the evil of gambling. The league officials are going to be put forth by the club owners to eliminate gambling from the game and the different ball parks.

Gambling is more rampant in Memphis and New Orleans than in any other cities in the association, although the other six Southern league towns have been free of the evil for some time.

The Birmingham club has been in the same boat as New Orleans and Memphis.

It is planned to plant plain-clothes men in all the different ball parks and to get evidence of the gamblers. The league is going to be put forth by the club owners to eliminate gambling from the game and the different ball parks.

Harvard Repaid For Long Trip To Golden West

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 2.—The Harvard football team today began the long return journey to Cambridge, Mass., fully repaid for its long trip to the Golden West by a 7 to 0 victory gained here yesterday over the University of Oregon eleven.

The Crimson victory was the first scored by an Eastern team in the annual intercollegiate rivalry.

During the trip to California, the Harvard team was the subject of much criticism of its play. The Crimson's play was criticized by the press and the fans. The Harvard team was criticized for its lack of offensive play and its poor defense.

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FRANK GETS JOE GUYON.

CHARLEY FRANK, the rotund Dutchman of Atlanta, has pulled up a string of his enemy, Jawn D. Logan, of Mobile, when it comes to having a star collection on his back. Frank has given the 1920 season to play one of the outfield berths to Jawn D. Logan, of Mobile, when it comes to having a star collection on his back. Frank has given the 1920 season to play one of the outfield berths to Jawn D. Logan, of Mobile, when it comes to having a star collection on his back.

Touchdown and Goal Sufficient to Give Easterners Victory Over Western Grid-ders—Oregon Scores Goals.

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